2. if so, a statement may be placed on the Table of the more important items of work done by each in the various fields of Oriental Research?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—1. Yes.

2. Vide statements appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

## Appointment of a full-timed Officer as Government Archaeologist.

**223. Mr. K. J. Antony.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. what led the Government to relieve the part-time officer;

2. is it because his work was unsatisfactory;

3. was there any necessity for appointing a full-timed officer;

4. if so, what is it;

5. why was not the part-timed officer himself made the full-timed officer, instead of entertaining a new hand in the service;

6. was the part-timed officer, when deprived of his collateral charge, given any compensatory allowance or promotion;

7. if not, why not;

8. are there not instances of such treatment in the case of other officers in the State;

9. did the appointment of the full-timed officer affect the work already begun by his predecessor;

10. has that work been followed up by his successor;

11. if not, why not;

12. did this appointment introduce a change in the policy of the Department;

13. if so, what is the change;

14. whether it is for the better, and if so, how?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—1, 2, 3 and 4. Vide copy of the Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 776/02, dated 10th February 1927, appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

5. The part-time officer was properly the Principal of the Sanskrit College and the archaeological work he was doing in spare hours was only a subsidiary charge.

6. No.

7. There was no necessity for any such compensatory allowance or promotion since he had only his legitimate duties to perform when the collateral charge for which he was receiving the allowance was taken away from him.

8. No.

9. No.

10. Yes.

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11. The question does not arise in view of the answer to 10.

12. No. Archaeological work is, however, now carried on more intensively.

13 and 14. These questions do not arise in view of the answer to 12.

## Publication work of Archaeologists.

**224. Mr. K. J. Antony.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) have any original papers and reports been published by the past and present officers during their tenure of office;

(2) if so, what are they;

(3) have their annual raports been reviewed by distinguished scholars;

(4) if so, copies of these reviews may be placed on the Table?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—(1) Yes.

(2) Vide answer to question No. 222 (2).

(3) Yes.

(4) Copies are placed on the Council Table.

## Government review of Archaeological Reports.

**225. Mr. K. J. Antony.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) have the Government reviewed these papers or reports;

(2) if so, copies of Government orders may be placed on the Table;

(3) if not, why not;

(4) is the Government reviewing the reports of other Departments;

(5) if so, why an exception, if any, is made in the case of the Archaeological Department;

(6) what is the practice in Travancore and other States of India regarding the reviewing of such reports;

(7) what objection Government have to follow the practice obtaining in these States in this matter also?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—(1) Yes, in a general way in the annual Administration Reports.

(2) Vide annual Administration Reports.

(3) No answer is called for in view of the answer to (1) above.

(4) Yes.

(5) Strictly no exception is made in the case of the Archaeological Department. The only thing is that the Government do not undertake at present any detailed review of the Annual report of this Department as the Department was started only recently and is still in the course of formation.

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## APPENDIX III.

*(Vide answer to question No. 223.)*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Local and Miscellaneous Department.

(Miscellaneous).

Read again Diwan's Proceedings, dated 26th October 1924, R. O. C. No. 5634 of 1097 regarding archaeological researches in the State.

Also (2) Diwan's Proeeedings dated 31st October 1926, R. O. C. No. 776/1102, extending the term of the present Archaeologist to the end of Makaram 1102.

(3) C. No. 8 of 1102, dated 7th Makaram 1102 from the Archaeologist.

And (4) Sarvadhikariakar's communication A. No. 260 of 1102, dated 8th February 1927.

*Order dated 10th February 1927, R. O. C. No. 776 of 1102.*

In the Diwan's Proceedings first read above, Mr. Rama Pisharodi, M.A., the Headmaster of the Sanskrit School, was, to begin with, appointed to attend to the work of archaeological researches in addition to his own duties. The arrangement has been tried sufficiently long and the Government are convinced that the services of a full-timed officer are necessary to achieve adequate progress in this important work.

2. Government, therefore, propose to appoint a full-timed officer as Archaeologist with whose function the work of the Rama Varma Research Institute will be conveniently combined. The pay of the post will be fixed at Rs. 75—5—100 and Mr. Paliath Anujan Achan, who is specially fitted for the work, will be appointed as Archaeologist on probation for one year with effect from 1st Kumbham 1102.

3. The head-quarters of the Archaeologist will be at Trichur and he will hold his office in the Museum buildings. The Honorary Superintendent, State Museum, is requested to place at his disposal the necessary staff of clerks and peons, if available, from the existing establishment of the Museum and Zoo. The staff and accessories now existing for the work will be transferred to Trichur. The new Archaeologist may submit proposals for strengthening the staff, if necessary, after knowing the actual requirements.

4. The Superintendent of Stamps will submit the necessary proposition statement through the Comptroller of Accounts in due course.

(True extract)

(Sd.)
A. K. VENGU AYYAR,
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Archaeologist.
,, Diwan Peishkar.
,, Devaswam Commissioner.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, Honorary Superintendent, State Museum.
,, Comptroller of Accounts.
,, Superintendent of Stamps.
Mr. Paliath Anujan Achan.

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,, Agent to the Governor-General (with covering letter.)
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